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TO

Sgt/Att/Sgt. [redacted]

DATE: 10/27/58

FROM :

SA [redacted]

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Reurnews of Oct. 8, 1958.

As to whether Penha knew subject to have been a member of the C.P., Penha advised on 10/27/58 that he recalled having met subject at a semi-public affair in Boston, date not recalled, at which time she was introduced to him as a "Comrade". However Penha said he never attended a Communist Party meeting as such where subject was present.

Penha also advised on 10/27/58 that subject was present at a meeting of the Mass Committee for the Bill of Rights in Boston, possibly at the Barker House in either 1954 or 1955.

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Penha pointed out that when he testified before the HCUA his testimony was based upon his best recollection at that time. He said he did not have notes to refresh his recollection; nor did he have an opportunity to review written reports previously submitted by him to the Bureau.

Because of the great quantity of information furnished by him to the Bureau from 1950 to 1956 it is possible, he said, that he may have omitted some information which had come to his attention, but which he neglected to report.

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TO : SAC (100-20779) [redacted]
Attention: SA [redacted]
FROM: SA [redacted]
SUBJECT: CP ORGANIZATION
IS - C

DATE: September 15, 1958

Re memo of SA [redacted] captioned "CP, USA,
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT" dated 8/29/58.

With regard to the organization of the Party in New Bedford, Massachusetts, ARMANDO PENHA, Source of Information, advised on September 4, 1958, that he has no information concerning the current strength of the CP in New Bedford. He pointed out that he had no connection with the CP leaders since prior to February, 1956. However, because of his long experience as a CP leader in New Bedford, he stated he felt that the following persons might be members at the present time:

MARY FIGUEIREDO
DOUGLAS N. PERRY
ROY ROGERSON
PALMEDA ROGERSON
JOHN CORDEIRO

At a meeting on Friday, August 22, 1958, at the home of OTIS HOOD, in Roxbury, Mass., [redacted] advised the writer in a written report submitted September 4, 1958, that BEN LANDEY made a statement to the effect that there is no activity in New Bedford at the present time.

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[redacted] advised on September 4, 1958, that as far as the Party is concerned in Fall River, he knew the following to be members at the present time:



At the meeting mentioned above, BEN LANDEY told [redacted] that hereafter Fall River would be responsible for the New Bedford area. [redacted] was invited to a meeting at the home of BEN LANDEY in Sharon to be held on Sunday, September 7, 1958, which is believed to be a meeting of the District Committee, and if [redacted] attends this meeting, he will be in a position to report on the Communist Party organization in New England as of the present time.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-12138)
FROM : SA [redacted]

DATE: 9-9-58

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SUBJECT: BEN LANDY
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From : [redacted]
Concealment and T- , who has furnished reliable
Reliability : information in the past
Date and : Meeting at home of OTIS HOOD
Description : 8-22-58
Date Received : September 3, 1958
Received by : SA [redacted]
Location : [redacted]

In view of the sensitivity of this informant, the
utmost care must be utilized to carefully paraphrase this infor-
mation prior to dissemination in order to protect the identity
of this informant.

Informant's written report, dated August 29, 1958,
follows:

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1-100-568 [redacted]
1-100-926 [redacted]
1-100-18271 [redacted]
1-100-31934 (CP FALL RIVER, New Bedford)
1-[redacted] (ARMANDO PENHA)
1-100-11772 [redacted]
1-100-16191 (CP FUNDS)
1-100-16410 (CP POLITICAL ACTIVITY)
1-100-20779 (CP ORGANIZATION)
1-100-775 [redacted]
1-100-16160 (MICHAEL A. RUSSO)
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1-100-15801	[redacted]
1-100-20787	{ CP FACTIONALISM)
1-100-20785	{ CP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1-100-23165	{ CP DOMESTIC ADM. ISSUES)
1-100-20786	{ CP RELIGION)
1-100-18169	{ CP PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
1-100-20781	{ CP YOUTH MATTERS)

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"Aug. 29, 1958

"Ernest Audet - called me Friday Aug. 22, 1958 and asked to meet me at 11:30 A.M. - I met him in front of house and he gave me \$10.00 - he asked me to give Ann 6.00 for dues and the balance to be applied to the Worker - Audet said he couldn't make the trip to Boston with James Rex & I, because he was on the second shift at the Sagamore Mills.

"At 5:00 P.M. Friday Aug. 22nd - I met James Rex at his house on Cambridge Street and we both proceeded to Boston - (Note - This get-to-gether in Boston was previously arranged for Friday - Aug. 15th -, it was postponed for the 22nd - and Rex was so notified also Rex was asked to make sure that I accompany him.) - Rex & I had lunch in Boston and at about 7:15 I called Ann Burlak's house - as also previously arranged - Ann's husband answered the phone and told me that Ann was at Otis Hood's house I called Hoods - Mrs. Hood answered and said that she & Ann were waiting for us - I asked her for directions to her house - I called from near Pasadena St. - I wasn't very far from Fayston Street - Hoods house - 33 Fayston Street. -

"When Rex & I arrived at Hoods house Dan Boone was outside loading his car getting ready to go on vacation with his family - Boone greeted us warmly and said he was sorry that he would be unable to stay and meet with us - At this point Rex showed Boone a clipping of the Fall River Herald - with a picture of Penha stating that Penha would attend at V.F.W. Banquet as an honored guest at the dedication of the Vets new quarters - Boone turned and said - Oh - I thought Penha was mixed up with another woman again -

"Rex & I went into Hoods house - 1st floor - we were greeted by Mrs. Hood & Ann - Mrs. Hood said that Ben Landy & Bobby Goodwin would be along soon and gave us coffee - Ann looked at me and said it is always nice to see you - I thanked her - Mrs. Hood also said that Mr. Hood would not be with us because he had to complete a project at work -

"At this point Ann said that she wanted to get our dues straightened out before our meeting because Ann said she had another appointment and would have to leave early. - Ann began by giving us some leaflets and asked us to write & suggest to our friends to write to Sen. John Kennedy in as much as he is running for re-election urging the recall of American Marines in Lebanon - Ann at this point spoke of dues and suggested that we pay 6 mos. dues - because the party was in badly need of funds - I gave Ann \$6.00 - Audets dues & told her to give the worker 4.00 for Audet - I gave \$6.00 for 6 mos dues & Rex paid 6 mos. dues unemployed - 15¢ a month - 90¢ - - Ann said dues would be \$1.00 a month for all members employed and with a weekly earning of \$48.00 or more. -

"Ben Landy & Bobby Goodwin arrived at about 8:15 P.M. - Both were very happy to see us I noticed when I shook Goodwin's hand - it seemed partially paralized and he had a slight twist in his mouth - it effected his speech and he spoke rather slow -

"Mrs. Hood turned to me and said - I know you are interested in the youth movement and showed me a clipping from the Boston Globe showing a picture of her daughter heading a youth movement - painting fences & cleaning - the neighborhood -
(At this meeting there were now - Mrs. Hood - Ann - Ben Landy - Bobby Goodwin - Jim Rex & I -)

"Ben Landy turned to us and said - I trust that you have an idea why you are here - Rex said - we have a pretty good idea - We would like to know what is wrong with the party in the district and why have you kept us in the dark - I'm sure we in Fall River have been very loyal - Ben said - precisely - to begin with - I must admit you are right - there has been a terrific amount of dissention - but I am glad to say now that the dissention is being overcome gradually and the period of Bourgoise and Bureaucratic leadership is also being overcome - thanks to Khrustchev who has shown us the right of collective

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"leadership - and the right to disagree at a Party meeting without fear of being purged - No one dared to disagree with Party policies before especially in Russia when his life would be in Jepardy - Ben further said - the district committee met a short time ago - and it was voted to be put on a full time functionary on a 3 months trial - I am now permitted to tell you his name - he is Homer Chase he will contact all clubs and all loyal present members - then arrange for future meeting when all clubs will be asked to have in attendance at least 3 or more members or former members - Ben - said - I have allways had the highest admiration for Mike Russo you both know it because I fought for him at the last Convention - I know that you admire Mike - but we must not forget that the party's unity & success comes first - Mike always had a personal feeling against Homer - and at the last meeting it became violent - Mike - resigned from the District Committee and from the National Committee - Ben said Bobby Goodwin was elected to replace Mike in the National Committee - I have disagreed with homer many times even with Bobby - I never allowed personal feelings to interfer with the success of the party - with the extent that I loaned Homer Chase my car, to contact the Fall River-New Bedford & Providence groups sometime ago. Ben said Mike was still a member of the Party. -

"Ben - asked us about former Jewish party members in our group. - Rex said that the Jewish list was a closely guarded secret and Joe Fig. was the only one who knew. - We were always in the dark as to the Jewish members - Mrs. Hood said - that is true you see there is a Mrs. Apel - We cannot bother her because it would spoil her standing in the community and she is in the limelight of the Hadassah - but I know at least she is one of us.

"At this point - Bobby Goodwin spoke about the dissention within the local district - but he further said that there is a far greater dissention among members thruout the country - Bobby - said - many

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"of us are in disagreement on many issues - we are working for a better understanding within the party - We know that you in Fall River are very loyal and get together often - New Bedford is not doing a thing - I can tell you now that we have more harmony than any other district in the country.

"Ben said - Actually we here who are supposed to be representatives of the District are not legally elected representatives because the clubs that elected us are not functioning, with the possible exception of one - - so you see what we are up against. -

"Rex said - there should be more teaching of Socialism - I was converted into socialism in Milanocka (Maine or N. H.) - by a Roman Catholic - Rex - further said if Hungary was socialized they wouldn't get what they deserved - Ben broke in and said - They might get what they deserved - but it does not alter the fact that Russia made mistakes that provoked the rioting - again we have Krustchev to thank for pointing out the Soviets mistakes with its good deeds.

"Fran Hood said everyone here has voiced his opinion we haven't given Joe Costa a chance to speak - I said - I don't mind voicing my opinion at anytime in fact I welcome the opportunity - but with all respect I resent my being called Joe Costa here or any other meeting - Joe's fine - but not Costa - I spent many sleepless nights because of Penha - and I don't want that to happen again - I know everyone here can be trusted - but my name could accidentally come out in the wrong place - I don't use last names and I don't like to be called by my last - name - Fran apologized and said that I was more than right I further said - that from the beginning long before the 20th Congress I always opposed the party's position on bureaucratic leadership and most of all the party's position on isolation - because the party was so isolated was the main reason why most of you went underground. -

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"I think we should all take an active part not only in the labor movement but also in the community's civic affairs - we are all well trained with good back ground to render services to our community and not forget our places in the Party - You cannot wave the emblem of communism and sing its praises without giving something - First give your attention to others if you expect to gain some of their attentions later - if the Jew-Catholic-or Protantist seeks your help give it to them I have never refused them -

"Ben - said - truer words were never spoken - in my case - I am a scout leader in Sharon - and I also manage a little League team - I also have a cub scout den -

"I am also in other community activities - Ben further said - do you know that I was responsible in having the first Jewish services at a Boys Scout camp - don't laugh - I conducted the services - you see I had a very good Jewish religious education in my youth - People in Sharon have the highest respect for my family & I now - Some time ago people snubbed me - now they walk across the street to greet us - I can agree with Joe because the community will always remember the good we are doing - we may be accused of being a Party member but the people will also say that they are pretty good fellows -

"I said - Last week the head of the K.&C. & of the C.Y.O. - invited me to be a starter at a track meet - it was a district trial meet - they wanted a professional starter and I was it - Labor day I will again be the starter for the Finals - I encourage & welcome these assignments. Ben said we can't miss with your philosophy it takes awhile but some day we will make good use of these contacts - and let these connections pay off - Ben said we have lost a whole generation - partly our fault - McCarthyism - and other reasons - let us not lose the next generation lets work together to bring them into a better way of Life -

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"Ben said - at the last District Meeting it was voted to have F.R. represented at all future meetings - F.R. will also represent New Bedford Ben said the meeting will be held Sunday Sept. 7th at his home in Sharon, Mass., 29 Norfolk St. Ben gave us directions how to get there and he said if we get stuck to call him from Stoughton and he would be glad to come for us.

"At this point it was past 11:00 P.M. and we left together with Landy & Goodwin. -

"(Note - Ann - because of an appointment left in the middle of the general discussion - but before she left - she turned to me & said I will see you Sunday after Labor Day. -)"

The leaflets which ANN BURLAK TIMPSON gave to the informant at the above meeting were one page photostats captioned "Speak Out for Peace Now". The leaflet began as follows-- "When President Eisenhower sent Marines into Lebanon, world reaction was swift and outspoken. The Socialist and Colonial countries led by the Soviet Union made their opposition to this war move unmistakable. Many voices of disapproval and doubt were raised in the United States. In Boston, itself, the Methodist leader, Bishop J. WESLEY LORD in the sermon at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, June 20th, charged that the United States jeopardized world peace by summarily sending troops into Lebanon 'America must not, indeed dare not, tread again the old worn bloody pathway that ends in disaster for all: the pathway of war' he warned (Boston Daily Globe, July 21st).". The leaflet ends with the following paragraph: "Won't you lend your voice to that of Bishop LORD and the many Americans who have spoken out? You can do this by writing your Congressman and Senators urging the recall of American Marines from Lebanon and the speedy convocation of a Summit Conference to allay the danger of war. Write a letter to your local paper along the same lines. Get your friends and neighbors to do likewise." This leaflet was signed OTIS A. HOOD and a postscript on the leaflet stated "Since Senator JOHN KENNEDY is running for re-election, he especially should be written to on this issue."

A copy of this leaflet will be designated for the file entitled "CP Pamphlets & Publications".

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All necessary action has been taken with respect
to information furnished by this informant.

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SAC, BOSTON
(ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR [REDACTED])

September 2, 1958

SA [REDACTED]

BEN LANDY
Meeting at Landy's Home
Sunday, September 7, 1958, - 10:00 a.m.

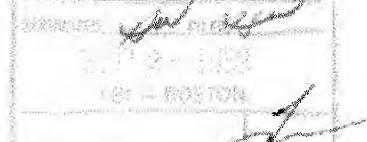
[REDACTED] advised on August 27, 1958, that he and JAMES R. REX attended a meeting at the home of OTIS HOOD, Roxbury, on Friday August 22, 1958, and at that time BEN LANDY invited [REDACTED] and REX to attend a meeting of "The State Committee" which is to be held on Sunday, September 7, 1958, at 10:00 a.m. at LANDY's home, [REDACTED], Sharon, Massachusetts.

[REDACTED] plans to attend this meeting. He is preparing a written report of his attendance at the meeting of August 22, 1958.

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August 13, 1958

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SAC, BOSTON (100-31422)

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On August 3, 1958, ARMANDO PENNA, Source of Information (formerly [REDACTED], advised SA [REDACTED] that he had just returned from Atlanta, Georgia where he appeared as a witness before a House Committee on Un-American activities hearing, and that one of the witnesses summoned at that hearing was a CARL BRADEN, a publisher from Louisville, Kentucky.

PENNA stated he took a plane from Atlanta, Georgia on July 31, 1958 which arrived at LaGuardia Airport, New York, about 4:30 p. m. DST. While he was waiting to get a plane from New York City to New Bedford, Massachusetts, he met CARL BRADEN at LaGuardia Airport about 7:00 p. m., and they were together from that time until 8:40 p. m., on July 31, 1958, when they both took the same plane - Flight #666 - from New York City to Providence, Rhode Island. BRADEN told PENNA that he was returning to Rhode Island to visit HARVEY O'CONNOR at Little Compton, Rhode Island. Upon their arrival at the Providence Airport, PENNA gave CARL BRADEN a ride in his automobile to the Hotel Biltmore in Providence, where BRADEN left him.

The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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SAC, BOSTON (100-2222)

HOA HEARING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
JULY 8, 1958

On August 1, 1958 ARMANDO PRIMA (formerly [REDACTED] the had been summoned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a witness at a hearing held at Atlanta, Georgia on July 29, 1958, related the following incident to [REDACTED]

PRIMA stated that on Tuesday evening, July 29, 1958, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., as he was crossing the street to enter the Hotel Piedmont at Atlanta, Georgia where he was staying, a court reporter, one PRIMK (LSD), who was the stenographer at the HUAC hearing in Atlanta and who was walking with PRIMA at the time, called the latter's attention to a car which was just stopping in front of the Hotel Piedmont. Three persons got out of the car, and entered quickly into the Hotel Piedmont. PRIMA stated the three persons were JOSÉPH ROSEN, an attorney at Washington, D.C., who represented a number of the Communist Party members who were summoned at the HUAC hearing in Atlanta; GENE SHADY, a Louisville, Kentucky publisher, who also appeared as a witness at this hearing; and HARRY SPURRY COLE.

PRIMA had testified that HARRY SPURRY COLE was one of the persons he met at a Communist Party meeting in North Carolina in September, 1955 when he, PRIMA, acting as a member of the National Textile Council of the Communist Party, was sent to that area to contact the Communist Party leaders in that State.

PRIMA noted that the car from which these three persons alighted was a bluish-grey, late-model car, possibly a Chevrolet, which bore Georgia Registration 364768.

CC: Charlotte (RM)
Louisville (RM)
Winston-Salem Field (RM)
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The driver of the car did not get out at the hotel. PENHA described the driver as a man possibly in his thirties, light complexion, short hair, dressed casually, looked to be about 5' 8" - 5' 10" and weighed possibly 155 - 165 lbs.

It is noted that PENHA only saw the driver sitting in the automobile.

The foregoing is being submitted for your information.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE

August 7, 1958

SAC, BOSTON (100-31422)

CARL BRADEN
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On August 1, 1958 ARMANDO PESINA, Source of Information (formerly [REDACTED]), advised SA [REDACTED] that he had just returned from Atlanta, Georgia where he appeared as a witness before a House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing, and that one of the witnesses summoned at that hearing was a CARL BRADEN, a publisher from Louisville, Kentucky.

PESINA stated he took a plane from Atlanta, Georgia on July 31, 1958 which arrived at LaGuardia Airport, New York, about 4:30 p.m. DST. While he was waiting to get a plane from New York City to New Bedford, Massachusetts, he met CARL BRADEN at LaGuardia Airport about 7:00 p.m., and they were together from that time until 8:40 p.m., on July 31, 1958, when they both took the same plane - Flight 4246 - from New York City to Providence, Rhode Island. BRADEN told PESINA that he was returning to Rhode Island to visit HARVEY O'CONNOR at Little Compton, Rhode Island. Upon their arrival at the Providence Airport, PESINA gave CARL BRADEN a ride in his automobile to the Hotel Biltmore in Providence, where BRADEN left him.

cc: 100-31422 [REDACTED]

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SAC, BOSTON (100-12770)
ATTN: SUPERVISOR [redacted]

8/6/58

SA [redacted]

SAM APPEL
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On August 1, 1958 ARMANDO PENHA, SOI, related the following incident to SA [redacted]:

PENHA had returned from Atlanta, Georgia on July 31, 1958 where he had been summoned as a witness to appear before a House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing. PENHA said that he left Atlanta on July 31, 1958 on Capital Airlines at 12:30 p.m. and the only one who knew that he was taking this particular flight was one JOSEPH FORER, an attorney from Washington, D. C. who represented most of the Communist Party members who appeared before the HCUA at Atlanta. PENHA said that he made his reservation earlier than July 31 to return to New York but that when he was confirming the flight on the morning of July 31, 1958 Attorney FORER was standing near him and could have overheard his conversation with the ticket agent.

When PENHA alighted from the plane at LaGuardia Airport, New York City from Atlanta on July 31, 1958 at 4:30 p.m. DST, he said he immediately spotted SAM APPEL from Fall River, Mass., who was waiting at the Capital Airlines where his plane arrived. PENHA said that APPEL did not appear to be watching for anyone to get off the plane but as soon as APPEL noticed PENHA he walked away. PENHA was at LaGuardia airport from 4:30 p.m. on July 31, 1958 until 8:40 p.m. when he took another plane from New York City to Providence, R. I. During this interval PENHA said that wherever he went APPEL followed him. He said he went into the Administration Building and APPEL followed him there. He went to the observation tower and APPEL followed him. He took a walk around the airport visiting the other airlines and APPEL was always following him. He said he noticed that APPEL had no luggage and when PENHA took flight Number 246 from New York City on the Northeast Airlines from New York to Providence APPEL got on the same plane. During the ride from New York to Providence PENHA rode with one CARL BRADEN, a publisher from Louisville, Kentucky who also appeared as a witness at the HCUA hearing in Atlanta. BRADEN was enroute to Little Compton, Rhode Island where he was to visit with HARVEY O'CONNOR. (This information concerning BRADEN has been furnished to the Louisville Office).

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PENHA said that while they were waiting for the Providence plane in New York that APPEL passed both BRADEN and PENHA and APPEL did not appear to know BRADEN and BRADEN showed no sign that he recognized APPEL.

When the plane arrived in Providence PENHA went to a telephone booth to call his wife and he said he noticed that APPEL was standing near the telephone booth. PENHA said that he was sure that it was APPEL because he had seen APPEL as recently as March, 1958 at an HCUA hearing in Boston where APPEL was a witness.

Just before PENHA left the Providence Airport he walked over to APPEL and said "Hi, SAM I have been watching you since New York. It must be tough to be following me all the time. What are you getting out of it?" PENHA said that APPEL mumbled something which sounded like "So what." PENHA said that he then offered to give APPEL a ride from Providence to Fall River and APPEL simply walked away.

PENHA stated that he realized that APPEL may have been in New York on business and just by coincidence had to take the same plane to Providence from New York that PENHA did.